

Patrons 2021-22

Nick Vujicic

Nick faced tremendous obstacles in life from, living life without limbs, to being bullied at school and fearful for his future with no purpose in sight. Without hope, his feelings of helplessness and isolation led him to attempt suicide. Nick persevered through life's challenges and discovered key principles which enabled him to find his purpose and turn obstacles into opportunities. Millions of people have found hope, purpose and the strength through Nick's inspirational speeches and coaching.

Delia Smith

Delia Ann Smith CH CBE (born 18 June 1941) is an English cook and television presenter, known for teaching basic cookery skills in a no-nonsense style. She is also famous for her role as joint majority shareholder at Norwich City F.C.

Bear Grylls

Edward Michael "**Bear**" **Grylls** OBE (**born** 7 June 1974) trained from a young age in martial arts, Grylls went on to spend three years as a soldier in the British Special Forces, as part of 21 SAS Regiment. He is one of the youngest climbers ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest, is Honorary Colonel to the Royal Marines Commandos, the youngest ever UK Chief Scout, and the first ever Chief Ambassador to the World Scout Organization, representing some fifty million Scouts.

George Frederick Handel

Georg Friedrich Händel was born in Halle, Germany. But since he spent most of his professional life in England, he's better known as George Frideric Handel. He is well known for his operas, oratorios, and instrumental compositions. He wrote the most famous of all oratorios, Messiah (1741), and is also known for such occasional pieces as Water Music (1717) and Music for the Royal Fireworks (1749).

John Wesley

The founder of Methodism, he travelled around England on horseback preaching. He campaigned on social issues such as prison reform and abolition of slavery. The opposition which he faced from the authorities raises issues of the right of free speech.

Billy Graham

Billy Graham (born November 7, 1918), American evangelist whose large-scale preaching missions, and friendship with numerous U.S. presidents brought him to international prominence. Graham's popular appeal was the result of his extraordinary charisma, his strong preaching, and his simple, homespun message: anyone who repents of sins and accepts Jesus Christ will be saved.

Harriet Tubman

Born into slavery in Maryland, Harriet Tubman escaped to freedom in the North in 1849 to become the most famous "conductor" on the Underground Railroad. She led nineteen different escapes from the south and helped around 300 slaves to escape. She became known as "Moses" because, like the Moses in the Bible, she led her people to freedom. ... She was never caught and never lost a slave.

Edith Cavell

Edith Cavell (1865-1915) was a British nurse, working in German-occupied Belgium during the First World War. She helped hundreds of British, French and Belgian soldiers escape the Germans and was arrested, tried and executed in 1915. Edith was born in the village of Swardeston, Norfolk.

Tim Hughes

He leads a school of worship called "Worship Central." The vision being to train and equip worship leaders and musicians to be a blessing to the local church. He is now vicar of Gas Street Church in Birmingham having been Director of worship at Holy Trinity Brompton, and leading worship at Soul Survivor for many years.